

**HOT BATTLES ON COURTS**

**Wright, Touchard, McLoughlin and Bundy Are the Survivors.**

**NILES GIVES WRIGHT SCARE**

**Former Champion Barely Pulls Through — Lawn Tennis Title Contest Narrows.**

(By Telegraph to The Tribune) Newport, R. I., Aug. 26.—Lawn tennis class fought to the last ditch for the places in the semi-final round of the all-comers' national championship tournament here to-day, with the result that Gustave F. Touchard, the young wizard of the racquet; Thomas C. Bundy and Maurice E. McLoughlin, the Californians and members of the international team, and Beals C. Wright, the national title holder of 1905, survived the ordeals of fast and slashing strokes on the turf courts of the Casino.

Only two of the matches to-day were decided in three straight sets. These victories fell to Bundy and McLoughlin, as the former with irresistible net play, checked J. E. D. Jones, the oldtime Rhode Island champion, by the score of 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, while McLoughlin, taking no chances and playing furiously at the net, defeated Walter M. Washburn, the remarkable boy player, by the score of 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

Wright earned his victory over Nathaniel W. Niles in what is likely to stand as the most grueling contest of the all-comers' of this year. The score went to the limit of five sets at 6-8, 1-6, 6-5, 7-5, 7-5, and three hours and twenty minutes were necessary to decide the victor.

Three times in the fourth set Niles was within a stroke of the match and failed to bring it off. On each occasion Wright went to the net and by slashing shots stayed off his rival. Finally the competition became one of endurance, and each of the men was so exhausted that he had to resort to stimulants. Wright succeeded in holding out, although his margin was entirely in the set score.

On the analysis of play Wright scored thirty games, to an equal number for his opponents. He was short of him on points, as Niles scored 261 points to 197 for Wright.

The other points were as follows:

| Net    | Gross | Mgmt. | Aces | Faults | Double |
|--------|-------|-------|------|--------|--------|
| Wright | 12    | 20    | 10   | 3      | 2      |
| Niles  | 12    | 20    | 10   | 6      | 2      |

In the other contest, with which the day closed, Touchard defeated Carlton R. Gardner in four spirited sets at 6-3, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3. Touchard was at his best when he came up to the net. From that position he started the ball off the sides, so that it was impossible for Gardner to reach it despite his nimbleness in coming up at top speed.

It was noon before the first of the matches was put on the courts. Up to that time there had been some doubt as to the weather clearing sufficiently to allow the men to finish once they had begun. Finally the two got to work, although before a gallery that was the smallest of the week.

Wright led off with the service, and although he won the opening game, it was at once evident that he was slow, lacked length to his drives, and that the other shots in his repertoire were not to be depended upon. During the first two sets Niles outmaneuvered his rival both in deep court, driving to skirt the lines and in smashing.

Niles made the error of laying off somewhat in the third set when he had Wright beaten and putting, and that was where the Windward got the weather beat in the start of the P class. The Joyant, steered by her owner, W. H. Childs, was in the middle and the Corinthian at the lees end and the line, all three being on the starboard tack.

There was some close work at the starts of some of the classes. R. A. Monks, with the Windward, got her across in the weather berth. The Dahinda and the Jannita were first and second across the line, but to leeward of the Phryne. The Red Wing forced the Keenmure, on the starboard tack, to keep off just after crossing the line, but the wind was so light that it seemed unavoidable. No protest was filed.

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Forty-nine yachts sailed a fairly fast race yesterday over the triangular route on Long Island Sound in the annual regatta of the New Rochelle Yacht Club. The wind was light from the eastward.

Because of the late start—2:30 o'clock—it was after sundown when the last yacht crossed the finish line between W. S. Clegg's power yacht Eileen, a cabin boat, and a small boat anchored a cable's length northeast of her. George P. Granberry, of the regatta committee, wisely decided to let the Class P boats and the New York "thirties" finish at the end of the first round of the course, covering seven and one-half instead of fifteen miles. This gave them a beat for the first leg, a run, with spinnakers to port, for the second, and a reach on the other side for the final leg of the course.

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